



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/635,686 Confirmation No.: 2699
Applicant : Robert Weber et al.
Title : MOUNTING BRACKET WITH FASTENER
RETENTION
Filed : August 6, 2003
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Examiner : Tiffany Louise Webb
Docket No. : 14253

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:


This paper is submitted in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed January 13, 2006. In the Office Action, the Examiner requested election between species I (figures 2 and 3) and species II (figures 4-6). At the same time, the Examiner conceded that claims 1-12, 17-27, 31-33, 35-37 were generic.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Species I (figures 2 and 3). This election is made without traverse. Applicants believe that, at least, claims 1-12, 17-27, 31-33, and 35-37 all pertain to the elected species. Moreover, given the generic claims identified by the Examiner, Applicants believe that when any of the above-recited generic claims are found to be allowable, the claims associated with the non-elected species, including those claims that deal with the anti-rotation tab and the extended flange, will be entitled to consideration under 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

If the Examiner requires any further information she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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Response dated February 16, 2006
Reply to Office Action of Jan. 13, 2006

Respectfully submitted,


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